

RLB-2919

Subject: Resignation of Amil GHURI

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1. Amil GHURI showed source a letter which he said he was sending to the ex-Grand Mufti in Cairo announcing his decision to resign from the Beirut office of the Arab Higher Committee. GHURI pointed out that he was not resigning from the AHC Committee itself but just from the Beirut office. The reasons which he gave for resigning were as follows:

- a. The funds which he had been receiving from the Mufti were insufficient for him to properly carry on his work.
- b. The Mufti had apparently lost confidence in him as demonstrated by:
 - (1) Having sent Salim ~~ABU-LIBAN~~ to Beirut to distribute funds to the Palestinian refugees, a job usually performed by GHURI himself (see RLB-A-2047).
 - (2) Having not confided to GHURI that he had called Raja'i ~~al-HUSAYNI~~ "and others" to Cairo for consultation.
- c. He (GHURI) was having constant trouble with Muhammad ~~Ali~~ ~~ABDAR~~, Ibrahim ~~ABU-DAYYI~~ and Faris ~~SIRHAN~~.

Source Comment: Source does not believe that the Mufti will accept the resignation or that GHURI expects the Mufti to accept it.

Field notes: GHURI has been reported in RLB's-2900, 2825, 2820, 2760, 2757, 2754 etc.; ABU-LIBAN in RLB-2900 and RSD's-439 and 416; ABU-DAYYI in RLB's-2900, 2899, 2757, 2746, 1930, etc. and RLB-A-2162 and 2213; Raja'i al-HUSAYNI in RLB's-2900, 606, 651, 642, and CO 55740, dated November 1950; ABDAR in RLB-A-2213 and RLB's-2890, 2886, 2825, 2786, 2757, etc.; and SIRHAN in RLB's-2825, 2719, 2607, 2514, and RLB-A-1792.

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